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1. Schwermaschinenbau S. M. Kirov (formerly Unruh & Liebig), (SAG Transmasch), Leipzig: Three heat-resistant heavy gear trains were manufactured in December 1952. Priority was given to the production of cranes and of winches for captive balloons and for ships. Two heavy freight cars were built in the steel construction department. Large quantities of engine parts were shipped, presumably to Halle.
2. Ifa-Karosseriewerk, Leipzig: This plant produced 35 tank trucks of 10,000-liter capacity and 12 trailers in December 1952. There is a severe shortage of sheet metal in the plant.
3. SAG Bleichert: This plant built 16 large traveling cranes in December 1952. In order to meet the delivery date, the VEB-Abus plant in Eberswalde had to be called on for help. In return, Bleichert turned over to Abus an order to build five cranes for the Soviet Union which Bleichert could not meet, because promised material deliveries did not materialize. In December, Bleichert also produced 27 cranes for mounting on trucks and manufactured equipment for maintenance units and, since 15 December, has manufactured parts that almost certainly are intended for antitank gun mounts.
4. VEB-Abus, Eberswalde: This plant is suffering from severe material shortages in the machining department, which have brought work in this department to a stop.

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